

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANTS

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The following definitions have been developed to help states locate and hire qualified professionals in the disciplines of history, archaeology, architectural history, and historical architecture. It should be noted that one year fulltime professional experience need not consist of a continuous year of fulltime work, but may consist of discontinuous periods of fulltime or part-time work that total the equivalent of a year of fulltime experience.

- A. HISTORY: The minimum professional qualifications are a graduate degree in history or a closely related field; or a bachelor's degree in history or a closely related field and one of the following: (1) at least two years of fulltime experience in research, writing, teaching, interpretation, or other demonstrable professional activity with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or (2) substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of history.
- B. ARCHAEOLOGY: The minimum professional qualifications are a graduate degree in archaeology, anthropology, or closely related field plus (1) at least one year of fulltime professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration or management; (2) at least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology; and (3) demonstrated ability to carry research to completion. In addition to these minimum qualifications, a professional in prehistoric archaeology shall have at least one year fulltime professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the prehistoric period. A professional in historic archaeology shall have at least one year of fulltime professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the historic period.
- C. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY: The minimum professional qualifications are a graduate degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or a closely related field, with course work in American architectural history; or a bachelor's degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or a closely related field plus one of the following: (1) at least two years of fulltime experience in research, writing or teaching in American architectural history or restoration architecture with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum or other professional institution; or (2) substantial contribution through research and publication to a body of scholarly knowledge in the field of American architectural history.
- D. HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE: The minimum professional qualifications are a professional degree in architecture or a State license to practice architecture, plus one of the following: (1) at least one year of graduate study in architectural preservation, American architectural history, preservation planning or a closely related field and at least one year of fulltime professional experience on preservation and restoration projects; or (2) at least two years of fulltime professional experience on preservation and restoration projects. Experience on preservation and restoration projects shall include detailed investigation of historic structures, preparation of historic structures research reports, and preparation of plans and specifications for preservation projects.